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SUBJECT: PRESS RELEASE ON REESTABLISHMENT OF CONSULATE
AT BARRANQUILLA

1. DEPARTMENT PLANS TO ISSUE FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE
DECEMBER 13: BEGIN TEXT. THE AMERICAN CONSULATE AT
BARRANQUILLA, COLOMBIA WILL BE OFFICIALLY REESTABLISHED ON
DECEMBER 14, 1976. THE UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO COLOM-
BIA, THE HONORABLE PHILLIP
V. SANCHEZ, AND THE NEW CONSUL
IN BARRANQUILLA, GEORGE J. PETERSON WILL PARTICIPATE IN
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REOPENING CEREMONIES.

THE CONSULATE 'AS ESTABLISHED AT PARRANQUILLA IN 1883 TO SERVE T'E IMPORTANT ATLANTIC COAST REGION OF COLOM0IA. IT WAS CLOSED IN 1971 AS AN ECONOMY MEASURE. SINCE THEN AN INCREASING NEED FOR CONSULAR SERVICES IN THE AREA, FOR BOTH COLOMBIAN AND US CITIZENS, HAS BECOME EVIDENT.

THE BARRANQUILLA CONSULATE WILL PERFORM NORMAL COMMERCIAL AND CONSULAR SERVICES, EXCEPT FOR THE ISSUANCE OF IMMI-GRANT VISAS, WHICH WILL CONTINUE TO BE 'ANDLED BY THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN BOGOTA. IT WILL SERVE AN AREA CONSISTING OF THE COLOMBIAN DEPARTMENTSOF ATLANTICO, 0OLIVAR, CESAR, CORDOBA, GUAJIRA, MAGDALENA, NORTE DE

SANTANDER, AND SUCRE PLUS THE INTENDANCY OF SAN ANDRES AND PROVIDENCIA. THE CONSULATE IS LOCATED IN THE EDIFICIO SEGUROS TEQUENDAMA, CALLE 34, NO. 44-63. THE MAILING ADDRESS IS APARTADO AEREO 2306, BARRANQUILLA, COLOMBIA.

THE UNITED STATES ALSO MAINTAINS CONSULATES IN CALI AND MEDELLIN, COLOMBIA.

THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY PRESIDENT FORD AND COLOMBIAN PRESIDENT ALFONSO LOPEZ DURING THE STATE VISIT OF PRESIDENT LOPE, IN SEPTEMBER 1975 REFERRED TO THE ADMINISTRATION'S INTENTION TO REOPEN THE CONSULATE AT BARRANQUILLA AND TO PRESIDENT LOPEZ'S AGREEMENT AND PLEASURE AT THIS PROSPECT. THE UNITED STATES IS PLEASED THAT THE REESTABLISHMENT OF THE CONSULATE WILL ADD ONE MORE ELEMENT TO THE CLOSE TIES BINDING THE TWO NATIONS. END TEXT.

2. ANY SUGGESTED CHANGES SHOULD BE CONVEYED BY IMMEDIATE TELEGRAM NOT LATER THAN NOON DECEMBER 13. EMBASSY AND CONSULATES MAY USE RELEASE IN LOCAL PUBLICITY.

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